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of each other are recorded. Numerically average those two maximum sound level readings. When appropriate, correct the average figure in accordance with the rules in subpart F of this part.

(g) The average figure, corrected as appropriate, contained in accordance with paragraph (f) of this section, is the sound level generated by the motor vehicle for the purpose of determining whether it conforms to the Standard for Operation Under Stationary Test, 40 CFR 202.21. (Table 1 in §325.7 lists the range of maximum permissible sound level readings for various test conditions.)

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Subpart F—Correction Factors

§ 325.71 Scope of the rules in this subpart.

(a) The rules in this subpart specify correction factors which are added to, or subtracted from, the reading of the sound level generated by a motor vehicle, as displayed on a sound level measurement system, during the measurement of the motor vehicle's sound level emissions at a test site which is not a standard site.

(b) The purpose of adding or subtracting a correction factor is to equate the sound level reading actually generated by the motor vehicle to the sound level reading it would have generated if the measurement had been made at a standard test site.

§ 325.73 Microphone distance correction factors.¹

If the distance between the microphone location point and the microphone target point is other than 50 feet (15.2 m), the maximum observed sound level reading generated by the motor vehicle in accordance with §325.39 of this part or the numerical average of the recorded maximum observed sound level readings generated by the motor

¹ Table 1, in §325.7 is a tabulation of the maximum allowable sound level readings taking into account both the distance correction factors contained in §325.73 and the ground surface correction factors contained in §325.75.

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vehicle in accordance with §325.59 of this part shall be corrected as specified in the following table:

TABLE 2—DISTANCE CORRECTION FACTORS

If the distance between the microphone location point and the microphone target point is	The value dB(A) to be applied to the observed sound level reading is—
31 feet (9.5 m) or more but less than 35 feet (10.7 m)	–4
35 feet (10.7 m) or more but less than 39 feet (11.9 m)	–3
39 feet (11.9 m) or more but less than 43 feet (13.1 m)	–2
43 feet (13.1 m) or more but less than 48 feet (14.6 m)	–1
48 feet (14.6 m) or more but less than 58 feet (17.7 m)	0
58 feet (17.7 m) or more but less than 70 feet (21.3 m)	+1
70 feet (21.3 m) or more but less than 83 feet (25.3 m)	+2

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§ 325.75 Ground surface correction factors.¹

(a) *Highway operations.* When measurements are made in accordance with the rules in subpart D of this part upon a test site which is “hard,” a correction factor of 2 dB(A) shall be subtracted from the maximum observed sound level reading generated by the motor vehicle to determine whether the motor vehicle conforms to the Standards for Highway Operations, 40 CFR 202.20.

(b) *Stationary Test.* When measurements are made in accordance with the rules in subpart E of this part upon a test site which is “soft,” a correction factor of 2 dB(A) shall be added to the numerical average of the recorded maximum observed sound level readings generated by the motor vehicle to determine whether the motor vehicle conforms to the Standard for Operation Under Stationary Test, 40 CFR 202.21.

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